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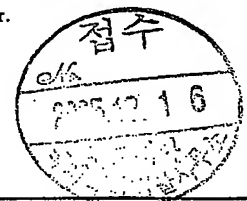
- ☒ Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Box No. II Priority
- ☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

## 2. FURTHER ACTION


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**Box No. I Basis of this opinion**

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**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	2-17, 19-20	YES
	Claims	1, 18	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims	NONE	NO

**2. Citations and explanations :**

D1 : JP 13-129927 A (2001.05.25)

D2 : JP 15-185845 A (2003.07.03)

The present invention relates to an optical compensator film for an LCD designed to improve wide view angle. Especially, claims 1-17 contain the polymer base layer, the protective layer coated with organic/inorganic hybrid composition and the compensator film with multilayer structure which simultaneously comprises negative phase difference and phase difference with the face in the thickness direction. Claims 18-20 describe an LCD apparatus including the said compensator film.

**1. Novelty:**

None the cited prior arts describe the compensator film with multi-layer structure which comprises both negative phase difference and phase difference within the face in the thickness direction. Therefore, claims 1-20 comply with Article 33(2) PCT.

**2. Inventive Step:**

D1 discloses a liquid crystal display apparatus using the optical film and the LCD film including the protective layer. This device has such a characteristic that the phase difference value of the fatty acid cellulose ester film is 60nm - 250nm in the thickness direction represented by formula:  $Rt = (n_x + n_y) / 2 - n_z \times d$ .

D2 discloses a polarizing plate of an LCD that hardly generates uneven brightness, in which a transparent protective layer is laminated on at least a surface of a polarizing film.

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(Citations and explanations)

When comparing the present invention with D1 & D2, the characteristic composition of the claimed invention, which comprises the protective layer coated with organic/inorganic, hybrid composition and the polymer coated layer of which the phase difference value in the thickness direction represented by formula:  $R_t = (n_z - (n_x + n_y)/2) \times d$  is a negative signal, can be easily invented by a person skilled in the art through the compositional combination of D1 ( the composition of fatty acid cellulose ester film and protective layer ) and D2 ( composition of a transparent protective layer ). Thus, the present invention lacks an inventive step. Claims 1, 18 do not fulfill the requirements of Article 33(3) PCT.

3. Industrial Applicability:

Claims 1-20 fulfill the requirements of Article 33(4) PCT.

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